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Re: Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Ziegler Chemical, Hardaway #1, S/047/072, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. McKeachnie:

On May 19, 2000, we received the "revised" Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, for Ziegler Chemical's Hardaway No. 1 small mining project located in Section 7, T11S, R24E, SLBM. Due to a backlog of other reviews, we were unable to process this within the usual timeframe. We apologize for this delay and hope it has not been an inconvenience to you.

Your notice stated it is "revised notice;" however, this will be considered an amendment rather than a revision to your approved small mining notice. The amended notice is complete and no additional information is required by the Division at this time. No variances were requested, therefore, you will be responsible for all applicable "Operation and Reclamation Practices" as summarized on pages 3 and 4 of the notice. Please give special consideration to item #10. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure

cc: Stan Wagner, Ziegler Chemical
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